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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY (Chapter I of the Patent Cooperation Treaty)

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Contrary to PCT Rule 5.1(a)(ii), the description does not cite documents D1 to D5 or indicate the relevant prior art disclosed therein.

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1. Es wird auf die folgenden Dokumente des internationalen Recherchenberichts verwiesen:
 - D1: WO-A-03/029307 (Japanisches Dokument, das durch den Inhalt des in englischer Sprache Familienmitglieds EP-A-1 454 924 widerspiegelt wird)
 - D2: PATENT ABSTRACTS OF JAPAN Bd. 1995, Nr. 01, 28. Februar 1995 (1995-02-28) & JP-A-06 287219
 - D3: PATENT ABSTRACTS OF JAPAN Bd. 007, Nr. 069 (C-158), 23. März 1983 (1983-03-23) & JP-A-58 005304
 - D4: MAYER ANDREA B R ET AL: "Platinum nanocatalysts immobilized on latex supports" J POLYM SCI PART B; JOURNAL OF POLYMER SCIENCE, PART B: POLYMER PHYSICS JUN 1997 JOHN WILEY & SONS INC, NEW YORK, NY, USA, Bd. 35, Nr. 8, Juni 1997 (1997-06), Seiten 1207-1216.
 - D5: NAKAO, YUKIMICHI ET AL: "Colloidal nickel boride catalyst for hydrogenation of olefins" JOURNAL OF CATALYSIS , 68(2), 406-10 CODEN: JCTLA5; ISSN: 0021-9517, 1981.
2. Das Verfahren zur Hydrierung gemäß den Ansprüchen 1-6 ist nicht neu (Artikel 33(2) PCT) und/oder naheliegend (Art. 33(3) PCT), insbesondere im Hinblick auf die Offenbarung gemäß Dokument D1 (vgl. die relevante Passagen der entsprechende EP-A-1454924 gemäß Recherchenbericht).

Zu Punkt VII.

Im Widerspruch zu den Erfordernissen der Regel 5.1 a) ii) PCT werden in der Beschreibung weder der in den Dokumenten D1 bis D5 offenbarte einschlägige Stand der Technik noch diese Dokumente angegeben.

Zu Punkt VIII.

1. In der zweite Zeile von Anspruch 6, wurde "Temperaturen" statt "Wasserstoffdrucken" angegeben (vgl. S. 6, Z. 13-14), Art. 6 PCT.
2. Aus der Beschreibung auf Seite 4, Z. 3-5 (vgl. auch Seite 8, Vergleichsbeispiel 1.1

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(pH 14) und das Ausführungsbeispiel 1.1 (pH 5) und die Tabelle auf Seite 10) geht hervor, daß das folgende Merkmal für die Definition der Erfindung wesentlich ist:
- das zusätzliche Merkmal gemäß Anspruch 4.

Da der unabhängige Anspruch 1 dieses Merkmal nicht enthält, entspricht er nicht dem Erfordernis des Artikels 6 PCT in Verbindung mit Regel 6.3 b) PCT, daß jeder unabhängige Anspruch alle technischen Merkmale enthalten muß, die für die Definition der Erfindung wesentlich sind.